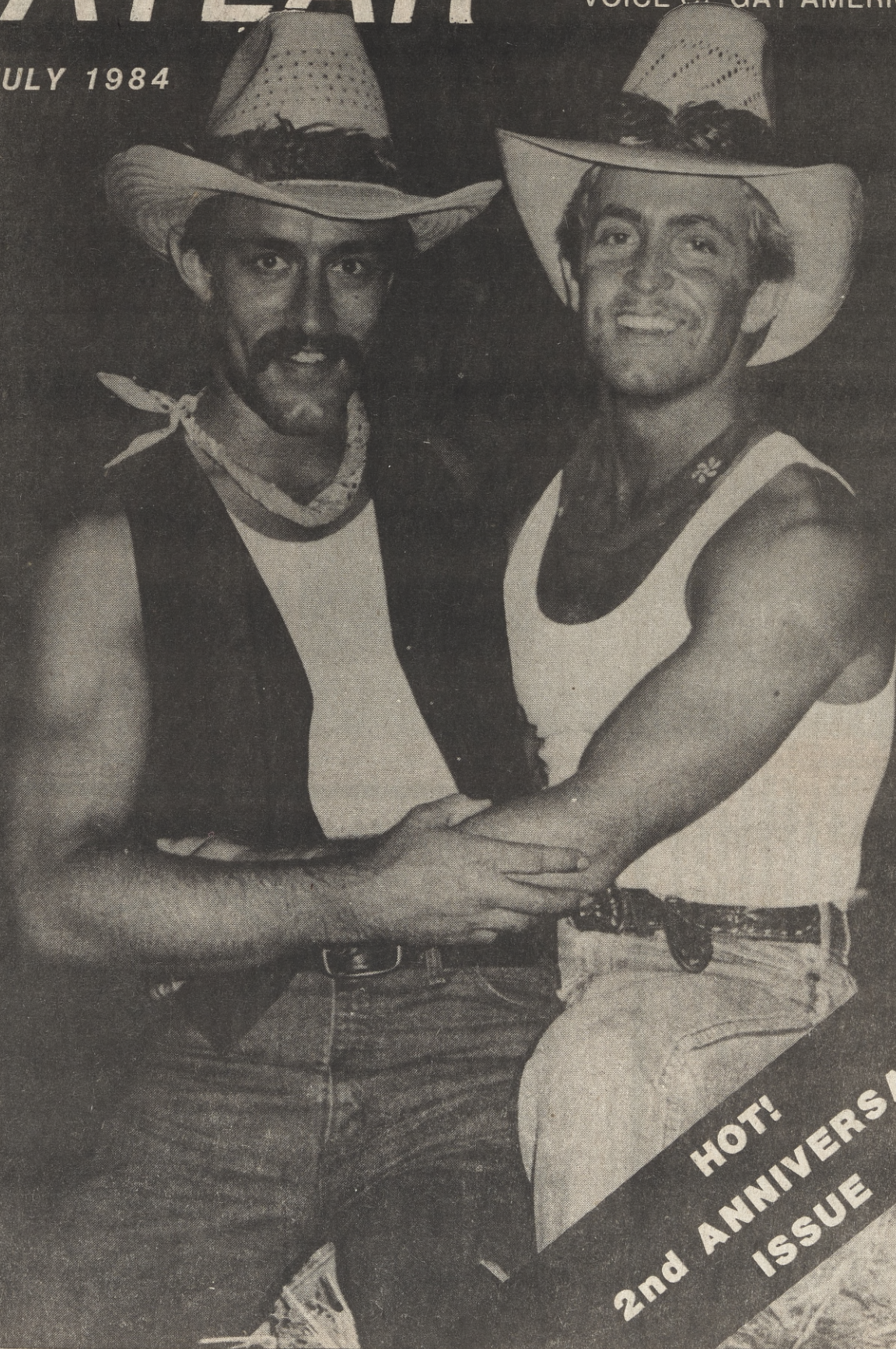


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DALLAS FIRM OFFERS AIDS INSURANCE

The nation's first insurance policy which will pay the medical expenses of AIDS victims is being offered by a Dallas firm.

The AIDS Medical Coverage Plan of Provident-American Insurance Company was recently approved by the Texas Board of Insurance. The insurance premi-

mum is \$180 per year, but coverage is available only in Texas at the present time. The insurance company indicated that it will enlist the support of gay communities throughout the country in order to make it available everywhere.

Provident-American officials said they decided to offer the coverage because persons in the medical field and gay community leaders convinced them that it is a needed service. The firm plans to offer the coverage in California in the near future because of the size of the gay

community.

The 39-year-old firm, which allegedly has \$18 million in assets, is not currently licensed to sell insurance in California. It could apply for approval to do so at any time, however.

California Insurance Department staff were skeptical that such a policy would be allowed in California. They believe that illness caused by AIDS should be covered under regular disability policies. The National AIDS Foundation in San Francisco was similarly skeptical. A spokesperson for the organization believed that the Texas firm was not offering anything that other major medical plans were not already offering.

The network expects to add several stations to the network before convention coverage begins.

NGN TO COVER CONVENTION

The Gay Radio Network (NGN) will broadcast from the floor of the 1984 Democratic Convention in San Francisco.

This is the first time in history that a news organization which targets lesbians and gay men, will provide such coverage.

NGN News has enlisted the services of Democratic politicians to help organize the network's coverage. NGN News has hand-picked a team of political analysts and reporters to broadcast coverage of the event.

NGN has affiliate stations in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Berkeley and Guerneville, California;

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; New York; Europe and two stations in Australia.

CATHOLICS MAY LOSE MILLIONS BY NOT HIRING GAYS

The New York Catholic archdiocese may lose millions of dollars in child care contracts with the city rather than pledge not to discriminate against gay persons in its hiring practices. Archbishop John O'Connor indicated that the church would rather close its child care agencies than violate church teachings.

O'Connor's remarks were prompted by an executive order issued by Mayor Edward Koch which prohibits employment discrimination on the bases of sexual orientation. The Salvation Army lost \$4.5 million in contracts with the city in March when it refused to comply with the directive.

Church officials said that the 1.8 million member archdiocese has contracts with the city worth about \$60 million a year. The archbishop maintains that the Roman Catholic Church is in favor of anti-discrimination efforts but cannot take action which can be construed as an endorsement of active homosexual behavior.

LESBIANS OVER SIXTY SOUGHT

Lesbians over 60 are needed to answer an anonymous questionnaire. If you qualify, or know someone who does, please drop a card to:

Dr. Monika Kehoe or Sheryl Goldberg at CERES, Psych Bldg, Rm 502, S.F. State University, 1600 Holloway Ave., San Francisco, CA 94132.

"Lesbians over 60: A National Survey" is sponsored by grants from the Chicago Resource Center and the Golden Gate Business Association.

Famed Novel OKd For Oakland Class

The Color Purple, an Alice Walker classic about three black women struggling to survive in the South during the Great Depression, has been declared appropriate reading for an Oakland High School honors class, the Oakland California United School District recently announced.

An Oakland parent had challenged the appropriateness of the novel's use as a reading assignment in a class attended by her 10th-grade daughter. The woman objected to the author's portrayal of religion and lesbianism. A six-member panel of scholars and writers reviewed the woman's complaint and unanimously agreed that the book was an appropriate reading assignment for the Far West High School English honors class. The official ruling applies only to the honors class, not the entire Oakland School district.

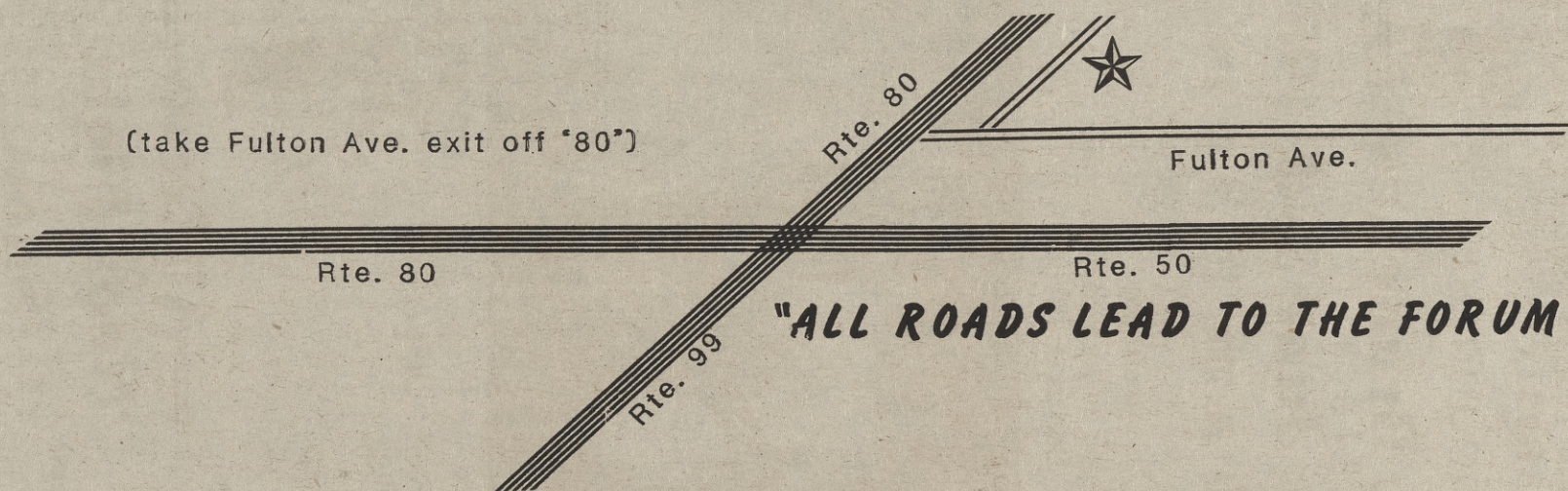
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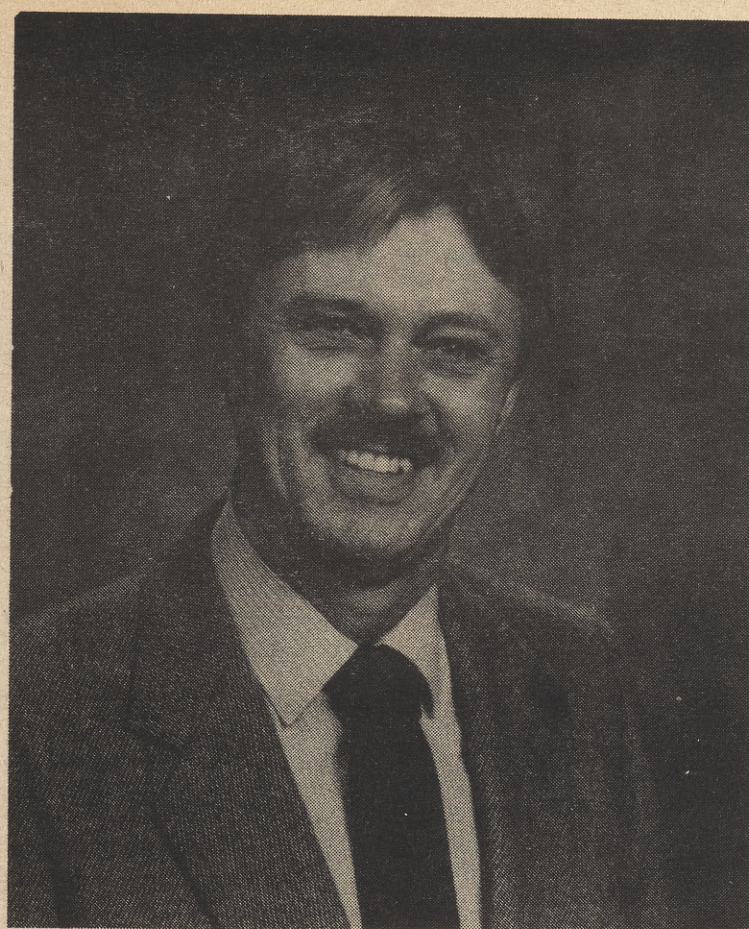
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FEDS WILL STUDY VIOLENCE AGAINST GAYS

For the second time since 1981, the US Civil Rights Commission will study anti-homosexual violence.

The commission directed its staff to include gays and lesbians in its proposed study of racial, ethnic, and religious violence and bigotry.

The study will attempt to determine if homosexuals are afforded the "equal protection of the laws"



To Our Readers:

THE PATLAR has just completed its second year of publication. I want to thank you for your support and to reflect on where we are headed.

As we begin our third year, THE PATLAR will continue to serve gay women and men by bridging gay communities located throughout America. Already, we can say that ours is the only news magazine oriented to gay people that is distributed throughout the United States and Canada.

We plan to expand our distribution points in the months ahead. For example, this month several new distribution points in the Denver and Tucson areas have been added. Improvements will continue to be made in an effort to make THE PATLAR more interesting and helpful to our readers.

We believe that there is a potential to form a national gay community in this country. To accomplish this, however, gay Americans must realize that they are part of that national community, regardless of their local concerns and problems. We intend for THE PATLAR to provide a service to that national gay community by reporting on some of the concerns and problems on a national basis.

We want THE PATLAR to help gay people feel good about themselves. To achieve this, our paper will continue to report news of interest to gay women and men. We encourage gay people wherever they are located to join us in this effort by reporting on happenings in their areas. A stronger network will result in a stronger national gay community. Such material should be submitted in sufficient time to meet our deadline, which is the 20th of each month.

We ask our readers to continue their support of our advertisers. Income generated from people who and businesses that advertise in THE PATLAR will allow us to continue our efforts.

Sincerely,
Larry Lanham
Larry Lanham
Publisher

guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

Issues related to questions of discrimination against homosexuals in employment and housing and other areas will not be examined because they are not specifically referred to in any of the legislation. The commission is a federal body and is restricted to investigating only violations of federal law.

Some of the statistics the study will see were gathered by the National Gay Task Force Violence Project. The project's coordinator predicted that the commission will discover the problem of homophobic violence cannot be solved without the passage of a federal gay-rights bill.

NATIONWIDE CRISIS LINE EXPANDS SERVICES

The nationwide toll-free Crisis Line operated by the National Gay Task Force for victims of anti-lesbian/gay violence and AIDS information and referrals has expanded its services to take calls from lesbian and gay youth, their family members, and those interested in establishing local youth groups.

The Crisis Line operates Monday through Friday from 2-8 PM at (800) 221-7044 nationwide.

US SUPREME COURT AVOIDS GAY ISSUE

The US Supreme Court recently sidestepped a gay issue when it refused to rule on the legality of private sexual acts between consenting adults. It decided not to review a New York Court of Appeals' decision that threw out the "solicitation" conviction of a gay man in Buffalo. Robert Uplinger was arrested and convicted for propositioning an undercover policeman on a street in 1981.

The New York Court had declared the state's sodomy law unconstitutional in 1980 and ruled for Uplinger. The Court concluded that if the state allowed sexual activity between consenting adults, one adult cannot be prohibited from asking another to engage in such activity.

The US Supreme Court had agreed last year to review the case, but has now reversed its earlier position. A majority of the Court said that the solicitation issue cannot be decided without considering broader constitutional issues.

Advocates of gay rights described the decision as a victory.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sirs:

The following memorandum For Robert has been submitted with my sincerest hope that you will consider including it in your paper.

I read the Patlar Gazette regularly, and I am aware that this material is probably not in keeping with your regular format. However, I am submitting it as a favor for a friend whose last request was that someone should know of our experience.

Thank you for your time,

D. F. Icarra
Chico, California

Dear Mr. Icarra,

On the contrary, your memorandum is very much in keeping with both our format and our desire to serve the gay community. Thank you for writing, and we extend our condolences.

Jolliff Weston
Editor

For Robert

When my lover got sick back in '82, we moved out of the San Francisco Bay area up to Chico to live with Rob's folks. Being a born San Franciscan, it was a difficult change for me to make. Rob's people were nice enough and their concern over his health took priority over their opinions about our relationship of seven years.

Our life in the city had been a thoroughly "modern" one, patterned after our peers; after all, what could be worse than hepatitis? We lived, loved, and laughed it up in those days. We both had wonderful jobs, city chic, wine and roses, and almost never a dull moment—that is, until Rob got IT.

We buried Rob, next to his grandfather, in this beautiful little town of Chico only two months ago. You ask how am I now? Well, it has taken time and lots of care (Rob's father is an earthbound angel), and I have found a new family in these wonderful people. I must also thank the gays of Chico for befriending me in such a relaxed and accepting way. I have never felt more loved in my life. The tense and tortured moments of Rob's illness were greeted with sincerity and understanding. I only wish we had made this move years ago.

My message is for those of us who are still whooping it up as if we possess some God-given immunity to IT. I feel a need to share my experience with you, especially:

NOW is the time to change. Not tomorrow, or the next day, next trick, or whatever procrastination arises. We all need love. We desire the excitement, and old habits are hard to break. I know, it's all so depressing to talk or even think about; the papers are full of IT, and suddenly there's no way to escape the fear. But, closing your eyes and ears to the truth is the worst possible fix. For years I was known for my slutty reputation. I used to think I was having too much fun and wondered when I'd pay the piper.

I swore I'd never go through a marriage ceremony with a man or woman, but finally broke down and married Rob last winter. With his family (now they are mine), we exchanged vows in that shadowy part of the house that became his sickroom. Before he passed away, at 36, he asked me to please do whatever I could to tell people what it was like.

Well, love, here it is. Do you really think anyone listened?

DEMYSTIFYING HOMOSEXUALITY

The Human Rights Foundation, San Francisco, recently announced the publication of *Demystifying Homosexuality: A Teaching Guide About Lesbians and Gay Men* (Irvington Publishers, New York.) The first-of-its-kind book provides curriculum materials and in-depth information about homosexuality for junior and senior high school teachers and counselors.

The teaching guide was tested extensively in California schools before being expanded and rewritten by R. Hunter Morey, M.S.W., I.H.S., human sexuality consultant and primary author; Nancy Rubin, M.A., educational consultant; and Jane Fletcher, M.A., editorial consultant.

The Human Rights Foundation, a non-profit educational organization noted for its Bay Area high school and college speakers program, believes *Demystifying Homosexuality* will contribute to changes in society's attitudes toward lesbians and gay men. The 175-page book has 18 lesson plans, an extensive question-and-answer section, and helps counselors recognize and deal with commonly held myths and stereotypes about gay people.

The book may be ordered from Todd Publications, PO Box 1097, Lenox Hill Station, New York, NY 10021, \$12.95 plus \$1.75 postage and handling.

VARIETY WILL BE THE SPICE OF LIFE

A report prepared by Dr. Lorna J. Sarrel, assistant clinical professor of social work in psychiatry at Yale University indicates that diversity will be the key feature of adult sexual relations in the future. The conclusions of the sex expert were published in a paper marking the 20th anniversary of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States.

Sarrel predicted that adults will cohabit, marry, divorce, remarry, establish kinship groups, have monogamous relationships of different kinds, and have both same-gender and other gender relationships. Moreover, she believes that many individuals will experience all of these relationships in a single lifetime.

Marriage will remain the single most common form of heterosexual union, but among blacks the trend is away from marriage the report said.

In 1979, for example, three-quarters of white women between ages 25 and 44 were living with their husbands. But this was true for fewer than half of black women in the same bracket.

If current trends continue, Sarrel believes that many brides will be older when they first marry and many will have children already. This is reflected in current conditions where one in eight white women and two out of three black women have their first baby before marriage.

Sarrel's report also presented the following conclusions: Reasons for marrying in the future, as now, for most couples will be companionship, regularity of sexual contact and emotional support. Divorce because it is becoming so widespread soon will seem normal. The trend toward freedom of choice for mutually consenting adults will continue. Eventually there will be equal rights and freedoms for people who are homosexual or whose sexuality is in some way different from traditional norms.



How rude and disgustingly unAmerican! How dare they let the Fourth of July, our nation's birthday, fall upon a Wednesday—dashing all hopes of a three-day weekend to party, party, party! I mean, I may not be the all-American boy, but I am a bit of a flag hag—I can sew circles around Betsy Ross,

The Century Book Club is currently launching a national campaign to attract members and promote its monthly selections. The difference between Century and the myriad of clubs in the country is its personnel and intent. The Century Book Club is run by and for gay men and lesbians.

So get out your stars-and-stripes jockeys, boys—Auntie Sam wants you! Old Glory may be full of holes, but that's no reason not to yank a doodle dandy! Throw those cherry bombs, wave your sparkler and run this up your flagpole: a taste of independence that is true to the red (tomato), white (chicken boobs) and blue (berries). Happy birthday, America—and long live the queen!

Tender, succulent white meat stuffed with nuts (oh, and rice and raisins). Do this on Tuesday night, and on Wednesday you'll have little

Each month, the club will offer two featured titles (Main and Alternate) for men and two featured titles for women. The four inaugural titles are: *The Great Urge Downward* by Gordon Merrick, *Amateur City* by Katherine V. Forrest, *Golden States* by Michael Cunningham and Sheila Ortiz Taylor's *Faultline*.

- 1/3 cup pistachio nuts (without the shells!)
- 3/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons garam marsala (an Indian spice available at a spice store)
- 3 Tablespoons olive oil
- 1/3 cup long-grained white rice
- 2/3 cup chicken broth
- 1/3 cup dark raisins
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 3 (3/4 pound) chicken boobs (skinned, boned and halved: oooh!)
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil

- Put some stuffing in the center of each piece and wrap your bird around it. Secure with toothpicks
- Saute your breasts in the butter and olive oil till golden (about 5 minutes) over medium high heat.

4 large, red, ripe tomatoes
Sugar, to sprinkle
2 teaspoons Sweet Basil (is he ever!)
5 teaspoons olive oil (imported)

2. Sprinkle them with a little sugar. Rubbing Basil between the palms of your hands (he loves it), sprinkle with Basil. Dribble on the olive oil.
3. Chill for at least one-half hour.

Dip your pita into this one, Paul!

You can buy this in a health food store, if they let you in.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup butter
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ½ cup milk
- 1½ teaspoons vanilla
- 4 cups blueberries (fresh or frozen)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 Tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice

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"Redburn" (1849); and his masterpiece, "Moby-Dick" (1851). He had lived in a world of seamen, whalers, longshoremen, the footloose, the outcasts...it was definitely a man's world.

Melville probably didn't realize he was a homosexual until he met Nathaniel Hawthorne (1850-51). He fell head-over-heels in love. Hawthorne was an extraordinarily handsome man, though he was fifteen years older than Melville. Both men were writers nursing a poetic dream; timid, introverted, and sensitive. And though Melville was at the peak of his career writing "Moby-Dick," he was also very lonely.

This affair was a mysterious one, not easily observed since both men were so private. Mrs. Hawthorne had a few thoughts on their relationship, however, and she kept a prodigious diary. Her descriptions reflected both jealousy and intrigue. Certain literary works written by both authors also reflected their emotional bonds...they often wrote of each other metaphorically, with the loftiest sentiments.

Unfortunately for Herman, his love was to end in tragedy. Hawthorne, though provokingly feminine, was not gay; he loved Melville, but at a distance; he was afraid of their "friendship." It's not known whether the two ever slept together...a jealous wife would say "yes," but Hawthorne would deny it. Melville was too pressing and enthusiastic; even Mrs. "H" admitted that the young seaman was irresistible in his manner. The Hawthornes, being proper, cool, puritanic New Englanders, couldn't handle it. They decided to move away.

Melville felt angry and betrayed! The result of his emotions was another book called "Pierre," a novel of rejected love. This book, and his later works of fiction, were not sea romances, and sold poorly. As Hawthorne's recognition grew, Melville received less and less notice. He finally gave up professional writing and for twenty years served as a customs inspector in New York. However, in the very last years of his life, Melville fulfilled a personal fantasy in his final work, "Billy Bud, Sailor," a short novel inspired by the tragedy of a handsome youth as an innocent hero destroyed by the insidious designs of two archetypal characters who find him attractive. This novel wasn't published until 1924, on the crest of a Melville revival that began in 1920 and continues to this present day—a revival that made him among the greatest American Writers.

(Note: Material for this article was located in *Homosexuals in History* by A.L. Rowse.

WILLIAM TELL REVIEWS A PAIR OF FILMS

"Kansas City Trucking Company"

Reporting for a new job, young Joe finds that working for a trucking company entails more than just driving a truck.

Joe is assigned a partner for a long haul to Los Angeles. Joe and his partner encounter a number of hot sexy men along the way to LA making their trip worth the while.

"Marine Furlough"

While collecting for the daily newspaper, the neighborhood paperboy gets more than just a tip. In fact, he gets carnal knowledge from a young businessman who is not in a hurry to get to work.

After a brief word, the two young bucks shed their clothes. The paperboy is a quick study and is soon a willing participant in a newly formed relationship.

These hot young studs perform in a myriad of positions with extreme close-ups. Both reach a climax while knee deep in horse play.

Where are the marines? Here they come!!! While smoking a joint, two marines discover each others attributes in a Japanese bath.

These gung-ho studs are soon joined by a third party and things soon become a menage.

These non-dialogue, poorly scored films offer little more than a visual trip of handsome, hung, men.

Both films are sold on cassette at *Films for Days* in Sacramento.

POET'S CORNER

Life Without Love

by Derek

I have been searching for so long,
For the man to share my heart,
my life

Am I demanding too much in him
that I am missing what love
is really about?

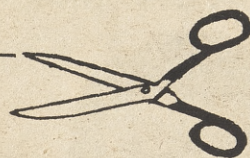
I have met many, many men, but
those who have touched my heart
have been cold in theirs.

I know that somewhere in this vast land
Is a man just longing to have me fill
his life and heart with love.
And in turn, he will fill mine.

But where, oh where, is this kind,
gentle, loving creature?
I need him so very much, to care,
to share, and to love.

One may as well live in Hell
than to live a life tormented
without love.

TONY
ALEXANDER

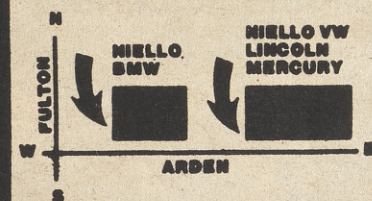


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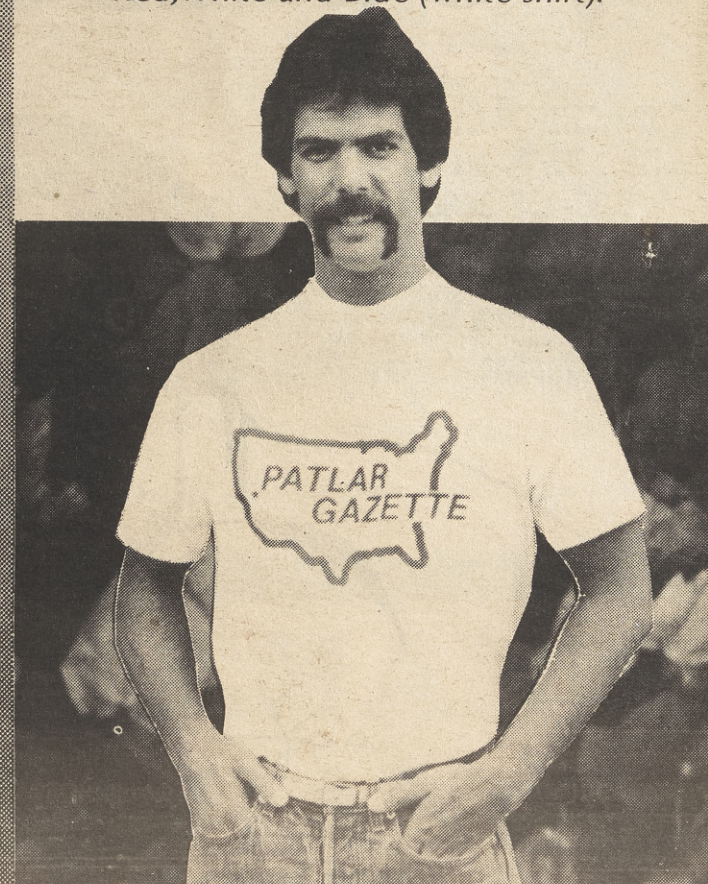
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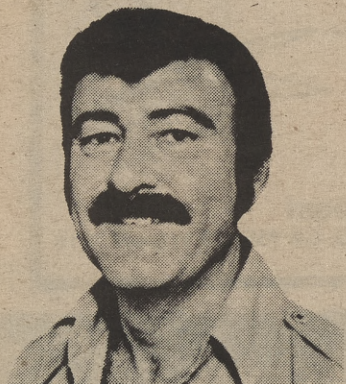
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The new Hartsfield International Airport is the second busiest

in the world, and it is huge. It is so big in fact that exasperated Southerners joke "When I die and go to heaven, I know I'll have to change planes in Atlanta." The everchanging city is now hard at work on MARTA, the ultra-luxurious rail and subway rapid transit system scheduled to open sometime before the end of this decade. They can use it because on the rare times it snows in the deep south, the freeways become an impassable combat zone. I will never forget a couple of years ago when it took me six hours to make it from the airport to my motel...and I never did find the buried snow mound that had been my rental car. I just hope Hertz did.

Unfortunately, during the Civil War, General Sherman's Union forces virtually razed the city during the Battle of Atlanta. You can still see one of the old gas street lamps with a cannon ball home clear through it.

Points of interest include Cyclorama, Peachtree Center, Georgia Tech, Six Flags Over Atlanta, Gone With the Wind Museum, State Capitol, Martin Luther King, Jr. Historic Area, the Fabulous Fox Theatre, and Stone Mountain—the Mount Rushmore of the South. Atlanta's chief booster is the flamboyant sportsman Tim Turner, who owns the Braves, Falcons and

Super Station WTBS.

Atlanta's hot bars can swing 24 hours if you know where to go. Legally they close at 4 am Sunday through Friday and one hour earlier on Saturday nights. Nearly every place is busy on weekends, but here are a few pointers for other times. Bulldog & Co., a leather and western cruise bar at 893 Peachtree St. N.E., is packed most any night. The Armory at 6th and Juniper is the hottest weekday disco for macho young guys. You enter both of these from their respective parking lots in the rear. The Sports Page at 2069 Cheshire Bridge Road is the most popular women's disco. The Cove at 586 Worchester Drive, off Monroe, is open 24 hours and gets real cruisy after the others close. It can still be swinging the following morning. The Saint is open all night, too, but gets a mixed bag of twinkies. Monday is the big time for Illusions, a show bar.

Gallus, at 49 6th St. N.E., is my favorite gay restaurant in Atlanta. Its several floors include an elegant new bar with piano entertainment on top. Their basement bar, off Cypress, is very different from upstairs. It is loaded, from the cocktail hour on, with the best-looking "Midnight Cowboys" in the South. Other popular gay restaurants include the Prince George Inn next

to the Armory, and Toolulah's for the ladies. Crazy Ray's is good for Sunday brunch, and for mixed dining try Dusty's Barbecue, Dunk 'n' Dine (open late), Peach Streeter, Pleasant Peasant and Plum Nelly's for hamburgers and lunch. If you want to dress and splurge, for good straight dining I can recommend the Abbey, Ambassador, Aunt Fanny's Cabin (good ol' southern), Diplomat, Midnight Sun, Nikolai's Roof or the Sun Dial.

The Pharr Library at 550 Pharr Road N.E. is a must for hot-looking preppies and young business types. They have a great cocktail hour and a small disco too. Back Street is a super disco off the same parking lot as the Armory. It is mobbed weekends, but don't expect much during the week. The once fabulous Limelight is 90% straight and no longer has its Sunday T-dance. Blacks like the Inn Between. The Onyx at 600 Ponce de Leon has good male revues, and across the street is a promising new leather bar, the Stud, at 567 Ponce de Leon. Texas Drilling Co., at Highland and Virginia, is a downstairs neighborhood leather bar. The Supply House (a leather boutique) has a shop there and also at the Onyx. Believe it or not, the late, great P's is now the 551, a neighborhood bar and deli. The Bar on Peachtree, at 1018

Peachtree St., is new, friendly and cruisy.

Although there are no gay hotels, many visitors stay at the Flex or the York. For years I have stayed at the Hyatt Riviera, which is now the Ramada Inn Central. The C.B.C.'s Club Atlanta at 76 4th St. N.W. is the busiest bath in town, but some like the Locker Room. Atlanta's once notorious bookstores are all closed, but for serious gay literature visit Christopher's Kind at 70 13th St. N.E. Cruise, David and Nite Scene are local publications covering the Atlanta area. The Hotlanta Raft Race on the Chattahoochee River is a major annual gay event held about the first week in August. Many parties and special events are held at the various clubs. For info contact NGAW, PO Box 7606, Atlanta, GA 30357.

Don't expect to see Miss Scarlett sashaying down P-Tree St. in her finest southern belle fashions, or a velvet-coated, ascot-tied Rhett Butler casually leaning against the local bar.

For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the **BOB DAMRON ADDRESS BOOK '85**, available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$12 to **BOB DAMRON ENTERPRISES, INC.**, PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114.

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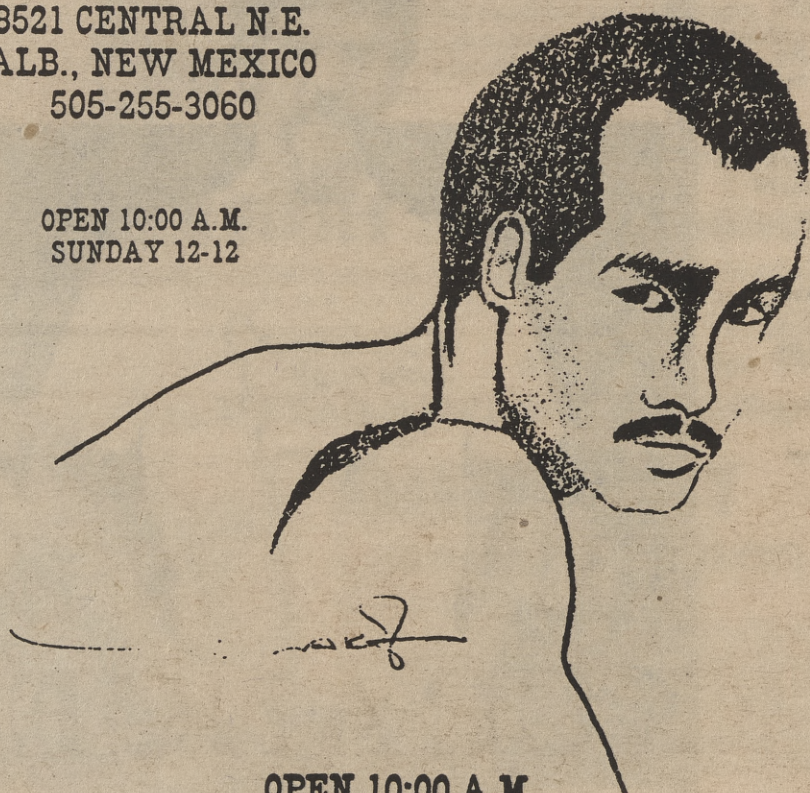
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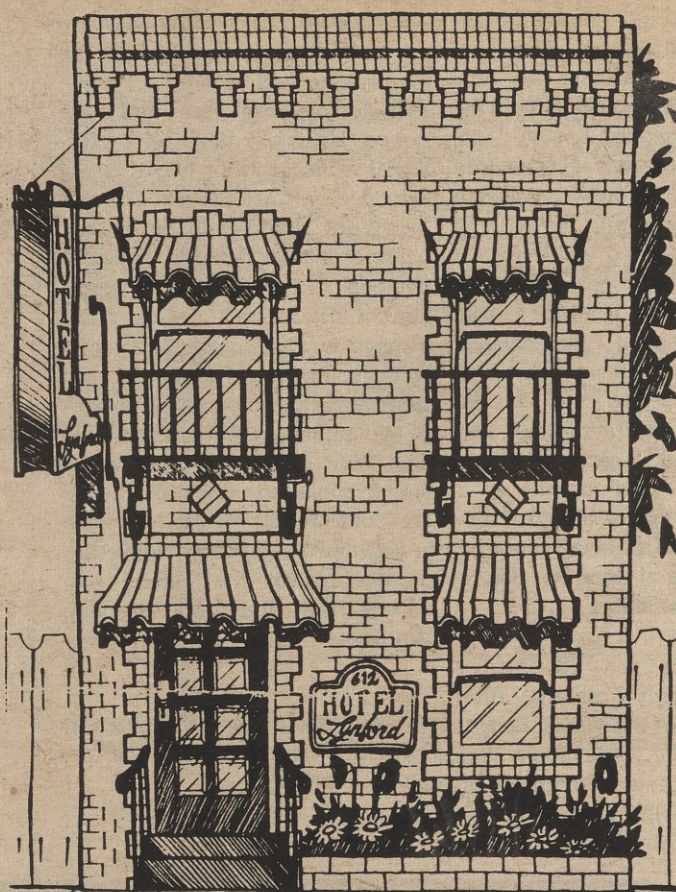
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by Dr. Pat Larr

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22)—Your need to be up front becomes more urgent this month, and we all know it's what's up front that counts. You should be up and coming by month's end.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22)—The Sun enters your sign mid-month, spotlighting your desire for money and status, yet a twilight encounter with a mysterious stranger is anything but status quo.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22)—Your big mouth may get you into trouble this month. Just keep telling yourself that Size isn't everything. There's something to be said for short and sweet.

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22)—Try to watch your weight this month because everyone will be trying to see your tan line, and you wouldn't want to get too big for your britches, now would you?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)—Exercise care poolside, you wouldn't want your bad points exposed. A rival may attempt to strip you of your dignity and reveal the naked truth.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)—Your magnetic personality really pulls in the partners this month. In business and in bed, it's take a number and stand in line. Consider getting a revolving door.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18)—Got the urge to go? A water sign could play an important part in your future travel plans. Water sports or water weight build up, it's up to you.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)—You get a psychic flash mid-month that allows you to see that special someone in his or her true colors. Wake up, smell the coffee, and dump this person fast.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19) The Ram's feeling very horny this month. Your favorite feeling, of course, and as usual you're hard to handle. Enjoy!

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)—Trusting Taurus Beware! This is no time to treat your money like fertilizer, spreading it around. Everyone wants to get their hands on your wad, so watch out.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20)—An interesting vacation choice for fickle Gems: Where would you rather be, the mountains or the seashore? High and dry or wet and wild? You decide.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22)—A cryptic mid-month message for superstitious Moonchildren: If your birthday suit fits, wear it. A chance encounter leads to a few moments of pleasure and a few days of pain.

FAUX PAS

by Edwards E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

What's the proper way to tell your parents that you're gay?

Sincerely,
Tammy

Dear Tammy,

In most cases the parents are the last to know, so hopefully you've been able to practice your approach on your friends first—a good idea in any case. Try to keep it simple and subtle. Leave out the gory details unless they ask. Don't tell them more than they need to know. The best method would be to tell them in person when you're alone and have their attention. The second bet

way—a heartfelt letter. Third best—a long-distance collect phone call. Engraved announcements, although sometimes used, are frowned upon. In any case, good luck.

Dear Mr. Kett,

I always make it a habit of refusing last-minute invitations. If the person really wanted me at his or her party, he or she should have been able to notify me in advance. I guess my friends have no pride. They say they always accept last-minute invitations and that I'm missing out on some great times. What do you think?

Truly yours,
Brick

Dear Brick,

It's not always possible to notify everyone you want to invite to a party, especially if it's someone you only happen to run into when you're at a gay bar. Look at it this way: What will keep you warmer at night, your pride or a party?

Dear Edwards Kett,

My lover and I will be on an extended vacation this summer. Is it proper for two gentlemen staying at a hotel to request a queen-sized bed?

Forever,
Robin

Dear Robin,

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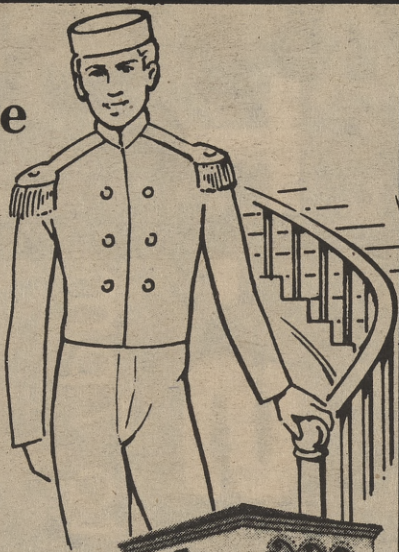
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Listening To Lavendre

by Lavendre Cantello

Dear Lavendre,

People around Amarillo have been calling me a size queen. I think it's terribly unfair. Yes, I'm very particular about whom I jump in the sack with these days. I used to not be so particular, but I'm almost sure that I read in some reputable magazine or newspaper that men with large thingy-poops don't run as much risk of passing AIDS as men with average or small thingy-poops. I'd like to locate that article just so I could show it to those guys who make fun of me. I was wondering if you happen to know either who wrote that article or where it was published. I can't seem to recall and I'd sure like to know. I'm tired of all the name calling when all I'm being is prudent. I don't really dislike men with smallish thingy-poops and as soon as this AIDS thing blows over, I have every intention to resuming relations with them.

Arthur

Arthur,

We should all be so prudent!

There was a young man

with a thingy-poo

With which anything he
would doodly-doo

Up it would rise

To an engorging size

Tickling everyone's fancy,
gitchy gitchy goo.

Oh, Arthur, if you like big thingy-poops, that's your business. There's still not enough known about AIDS to relate to one's member's size, so that's probably poo-poo-ca-ca.

However, if you continue tackling large thingy-poops in your life's quest, you deserve your title and should try to wear it well. But, I once heard that "it ain't the meat, it's the motion that makes your mama wanna rock..." Rock on!

Dear Lavendre,

My lover claims that he read all about you in a scandal sheet published in New York and that you're not French at all, like your name implies, but that you are a Navajo Indian originally from Arizona and that you believe in the strange things that Navajos believe in, like snakes. My dad, on the other hand, claims that that's not so; he's almost certain that he went to high school with you back in Cedar Rapids and that you're a gypsy and that you use cards and a crystal ball.

Is either of these guys right? And if not, just who are you anyway and what are you up to?

Elmer
(Flagstaff)

Elmer,

Run this flag up your staff! It's a wise man who knows his own father but who doesn't listen to him. A lady of quality such as I never divulges her roots. But, I can tell you that I've never seen Cedar Rapids, Arizona, a Navajo that I've recognized as

such, or your father.

My extraction will remain a mystery only to be told in cards, crystal balls, or the ears of my true lovers.

Dear Mme. Cantello,

I've a problem you'll probably simply never, ever believe. Cause I simply hardly believe it myself. But it's ever so true.

You see, being a gay guy I realize that I'll never ever have children of my own. So I've determined to be the best of all possible uncles. So you can just imagine my overwhelming joy when my little sister had triplets.

Well, they turned out to be absolutely identical. So she named each one of them Bettiemae Louise. Her reasoning was that since they are identical, they are really just one person split up into three chunks—at least that's what she learned in high-school biology class—so one name should suffice for all three.

Lavendre, can you just imagine three identical sisters each named Bettiemae Louise growing up in Central Tennessee where people do a lot of talking and tsk-tsking.

How would you suggest that I handle this ticklish situation? Surely there is some way that I can talk some sense into my little sister's head. Even if she thinks that I can't possibly have any sense of my own cause I'm ever so gay. What do you suggest?

Hoarce
(Nashville)

Hoarce,

Would that we could all live other's lives for them! However, no matter how asinine your sister's idea, it's hers.

I would definitely look upon this as a challenge. You might tell the story of the woman in Kentucky who had fifteen sons. She named each one Roy Bob. When quizzed by a news reporter as to why, she replied, "Why it's simple. Whenever I want dishes washed or floors scrubbed, I say 'Roy Bob, do it.' It gets done. I say 'Roy Bob, get good grades in school.' And they do. It's easy."

The reporter then queried, "That's all well and good, but what if you want to talk to a certain Roy Bob?" The woman replied, "Oh, then I just call each by his last-name." Perhaps that story might shake your sister to her senses.

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A resolution was passed at the recent US Conference of Mayors in Philadelphia calling for the equal treatment of gay women and men.

The resolution recognized that all citizens have rights regardless of their sexual orientations. Elected officials across the country were urged to consider legislative and executive remedies to ensure equal opportunity and protection under the law.

STOCKTON

On June 20, Stockton held its Fourth Annual Gay Pride Barbecue and Rally at Oak Park. There were approximately 100 in attendance for free food and drink. This event was promoted by Metropolitan Community Church in association with the Paradise, Chris "Lucy" Sloan; Bootstrap at Channel & Aurora; & Gays and Friends of UOP. Representatives of the National March for Gay Rights and SF Freedom Day Parade were speakers at the rally

along with Rev. Scott, Chris Sloan, & Sugar Empress VIII of Stockton. The MCC-Stockton gave its annual Person-of-the-Year Award to Chris Sloan of the Paradise for his outstanding contributions to the gay community of Stockton.

On July 8, Chris Sloan, aka Lucy, & Damien Lewandowski, aka Ethyl, will present a tribute to "I Love Lucy" by a "Cruze on the Delta with Lucy & Ethyl" at 6:30 pm. The ticket price includes a light buffet, show, all the cruising you can get, and a party following at Paradise—located at 4206 N. Westlane. Call (209) 948-9918 for more information. Tickets will be \$18 advance, \$20 at the boat.

DES MOINES

A businessman who has been active in gay rights issues has been defeated in the Iowa primary. Cable television talk-show host Rich Eychaner, 35, who is openly gay, attempted to secure the Republican nomination for Congress. He was defeated by Des Moines stockbroker Robert Lockard who won an easy victory for the chance to

oppose 26-year incumbent Representative Neal Smith, a Democrat.

The election was conceded by Eychaner. His opponent said it was his stand on the issues and not Eychaner's homosexuality that won him the election. However, observers believe that Eychaner's sexual orientation was a key factor in the outcome of the race.

SEATTLE

Seattle's City Council recently held hearings for a proposed ordinance which could penalize a convicted person up to \$500 and up to six months in jail for threatening harm to gays. In Washington, there is an existing state law which makes it a felony to threaten harm to someone because of race, religion, ancestry, or national origin. The City Attorney's office wants to enlarge this state law so that verbal attacks would be included under it.

SAN FRANCISCO

A glory hole has been installed between the vestibule and sanctuary of Saint Priapus Church at 583 Grove Street in San Francisco. For use by any male, it is arranged so users cannot see or be seen by those on the other side, thus assuring complete anonymity.

The glory hole is a free public convenience provided by the Glory Hole Queens of St. Priapus Church, a religious order devoted to phallic worship at glory holes. It is open from 11 am to 11 pm daily.

For more information, call (415) 431-2188.

The 1984 Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration took place on Sunday, June 24. The parade assembled at Spear and Market Streets and proceeded up

Market Street, through the United Nations Plaza, to the Civic Center, where the stage celebration was held.

This year the parade and celebration were particularly noteworthy for a number of reasons. Among them is that the date marked the 15th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which set a precedent for such parades, and for the political activity characterizing the modern lesbian and gay rights movement.

FRESNO

The Fresno Express Softball Team has been playing now for two years. The team is sponsored by a local bar, the Fresno Express.

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HOUSTON

Houston's City Council recently narrowly approved an amendment extending civil-service protection to homosexuals. The Council voted 8-7 in favor of a resolution prohibiting the city from discriminating against anyone, on the basis of sexual orientation, in its affirmative-action programs.

Ku Klux Klan members and religious groups stood outside the chambers singing hymns and carrying signs asking the Council not to turn Houston into the next Sodom and Gomorrah. The crowd also chanted for the impeachment of Mayor Kathy Whitmire, who last fall after her re-election toured gay bars to thank homosexuals for their support.

The Council also voted to revise civil-service laws to ban bias against homosexuals.

NEW ORLEANS

The New Orleans Men's Chorus presented its 2nd Annual Gay Pride Concert in June. The program featured a group of Creole Slave

Songs (sung in French) and soloists who sang a variety of well-known pieces.

When the chorus made its first appearance recently at the World's Fair, they attracted the largest audience thus far of any group performing there. The audience was enthusiastic and receptive. The chorus will again perform at the Fair on the weekends of July 21-22 and October 20-21 (Gay Days at the Fair). At noon on July 15 the chorus will perform a "mostly French" concert at La Place de France in celebration of Bastille Day.

For more information, write New Orleans Gay Men's Chorus, 930 Orleans St., New Orleans, LA 70116.

LINCOLN

There has been an increase in the number of Lincoln gay people who are concerned about unjust treatment in shopping malls and other public areas. The concern is caused by the action of a few police officers who patrol the shopping malls and other downtown public places rather than the Lincoln

Police Department as a whole.

In several cases, people have been asked to move from benches in the malls because they apparently fit a particular stereotype. In addition, police officers have reportedly solicited information about people from known gay people and have taken license-plate numbers of suspected gay people.

The Nebraska Civil Liberties Union wants to know about any harassment in Lincoln. Persons who have encountered improper treatment or who know of someone who has should notify the NCLU at 633 South 9th, Lincoln, NB 68501. Names will be kept confidential and the information will be collected for a case study and determination of action.

ATLANTA

The Leathermen/Atlanta have scheduled their first annual run, Kudzu.

The Leathermen/Atlanta will host Kudzu 1 over the Labor Day weekend, August 31-September 3, 1984. The event will feature enduros, bike events, people events, picnics charcoaled steaks), ballgames

(Braves v. Cubs), tours, poker run, and a send-off/wind-down poolside at the Club Baths in Atlanta.

Inquiries may be addressed to: L/A Kudzu 1, PO Box 8595, Atlanta, GA 30306, Attn. RAC. The telephone number is (404) 624-3664.

KANSAS CITY

The Safety Watch Action Program (SWAP) recently endorsed a security system called Panik-Alert. The new personal security system is designed to protect individuals from crime and to sound an alert when immediate help is needed.

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For more information, call the Director of SWAP, John Korbelik, at (816) 531-2063 or Panik-Alert at (816) 436-5692.

CHEYENNE

Tri-State Lambda (TSL) members recently elected Greg C, 21, to the presidency of the organization. Greg, in the only contested race in the election, outpolled current Vice-President and Editor Ernie by a comfortable margin. The election marks the changing of the guard of TSL. All of the new officers replace members who have held leadership positions in TSL since its founding five years ago.

The group has the following events scheduled:

—July 10: Board meeting, 7 PM and Coffeehouse at 8 PM.

—July 20: Frontier Days Dance (site to be announced).

—August 24: Harvest Dance at Hynds Lodge, Curt Gowdy Park

—October 27: Halloween Dance at Hynds Lodge, Curt Gowdy Park

November 27: Anniversary Dance and Comedy Show, Izaak Walton Hall.

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SAN JOSE

By Robert Colton

An open letter to my San Jose and out-of-town friends:

I have had many rewarding experiences as a result of being elected Emperor VII Nevan de San Jose. I wanted to accomplish a lot more for the community than I was able to accomplish this year; however, I feel comfortable with the job I have done and have no regrets about it.

On my travels to out-of-town functions, I met many people for whom I have the utmost respect. On a trip to the Coronation in Portland, I met a person who was totally unforgettable. This person is Champagne Empress XXV...her beauty is stunning.

I want to give special thanks to Kevan Dainel for the wonderful support he was able to give me. This is ever more appreciated because the time was given out of his very busy schedule. Thanks from the bottom of my heart to the following people: Neil Bulmer, Bob, and Marlene. To my Prince Consort, Guy Haxton de San Diego, "JUST BECAUSE."

Sincerely,

H.M.I.M. Emperor VII
Nevan

OKLAHOMA CITY

There are several organizations which meet at the Oklahoma Gay Community Center. These organizations include the following:

—Gay AA and Al-Anon. People with drinking problems are provided a place to turn to for help and support.

—Gay NA (Narcotics Anonymous) helps those with drug problems.

—The Monday night Rap Group has participants who attend regularly. Such topics as Gay Divorce, Cruising, and Relationships and Religion are discussed.

—Gay Parents provides support for gay people with children.

For dates and times for these organizations' meetings, call (405) 232-1312. The Center is located at 2135 NW 39th.

MARTINSVILLE

Pen Power Ink is a new organization in Indiana which was formed to swamp with letters those institutions that offend the gay community. These include government, businesses, and the media.

Organizers believe that dozens of letters cannot be ignored. All letters do not have to be signed. A phone tree for members to notify each other about issues that should be addressed is available. For more information, write Pen Power Ink, PO Box 1922, Martinsville, IN 46151.

CHICAGO

The American Association of Physicians for Human Rights will hold its annual conference in Chicago, August 22-25. A symposium on critical Gay and Lesbian health problems and a course on current aspects of sexually transmitted diseases will be featured.

Three major objectives of the meeting are to provide physicians with up-to-date information on the medical and psychological developments about AIDS, to provide researchers with information on educational and research programs in their own communities, and to educate health-care providers on the societal problems affecting themselves and their patients.

For more information on the conference or to obtain registration materials, write: AAPHR, PO Box 143366, San Francisco, CA 94114.

SANTA CRUZ

A cross-cultural group of lesbian mothers has decided to collect and edit an anthology of writings by lesbian mothers, co-mothers, and their children.

The anthology is intended to be an opportunity to relieve the isolation of lesbian mothers and to dispel the myth that they do not exist. Also, it will provide a forum for issues affecting their children and partners.

Ideas, comments, suggestions, and submissions—along with requests for information and/or technical and womanly assistance—are invited. Submissions will be accepted through December 21, 1984. Contributors should send an original (for legal purposes), along with one copy and ASASE. Prose should not exceed 3000 words, or poetry five typed pages. All submissions should be typed if possible, or neatly printed, double spaced, and with one-inch margins. Those who cannot allow their names to appear in print should submit their legal names and the pen names they wish to use.

For additional information, write A Lesbian Mothers Anthology, 1803 Mission St., Box 160, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-5296.

JACKSON

Members of the gay community are invited to attend the Gay and Lesbian Democratic Caucus meetings and the Mississippi Gay Alliance (MGA) meetings in order to keep informed about candidates for political office. For more information, write MGA, 513 North State Street, PO Box 8342, Jackson, MS 39204, (601) 355-7495.

TRENTON

The National Organization for Women of New Jersey (NOW-NJ) has announced its support for Assembly Bill 1721 which would amend the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination by protecting the civil rights of New Jersey residents in areas including housing, employment, public accommodations, credit, and insurance, on the basis of their affectional or sexual orientation. The bill simply inserts the words "sexual orientation or affectional preference" into the 1945 New Jersey Civil Rights Law.

NOW-NJ believes that the right of sexual orientation and affectional preference among adults should be considered an inherent right. As long as a person does not impose this sexual orientation on others, he or she should be guaranteed the basic human right to live without harassment or discrimination. No person should be denied a job, a promotion, a home, the use of public space, educational opportunities, medical care, insurance, or freedom from violence because of his or her sexual orientation or affectional preference.

NOW-NJ members know that the effects of discrimination based on sexual orientation are just as damaging as the effects of discrimination based on race, nationality, or sex. The need for legal protection against such discrimination is valid.

BIRMINGHAM

The Mississippi Gay Community was represented by several persons at the Ninth Annual Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men which was held recently in Birmingham, Alabama. Participants attended a variety of workshops relating to gay concerns.

BOSTON

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) celebrated its 5th Anniversary as New England's non-profit, gay and lesbian public interest law organization.

1984 has thus far been a busy year for GLAD. The group has been before the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court twice as amicus (friend of the court) on important gay issues. There has been a positive response from the Court to the Senate's questions on the proposed gay-rights bill, which GLAD also addressed as amicus in late 1983.

An important case for lesbians and gay men in Western Massachusetts was won when there was a successful challenge to Northampton's attempt to prevent the annual Lesbian and Gay Pride March from being held. This again demonstrates the importance of a legal organization ready to step in on a moment's notice to meet assaults on the right of gay people to live freely and openly.

For information about GLAD, write Park Square Advocates, Inc., Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, 100 Boylston Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02116 or call (617) 426-1350.

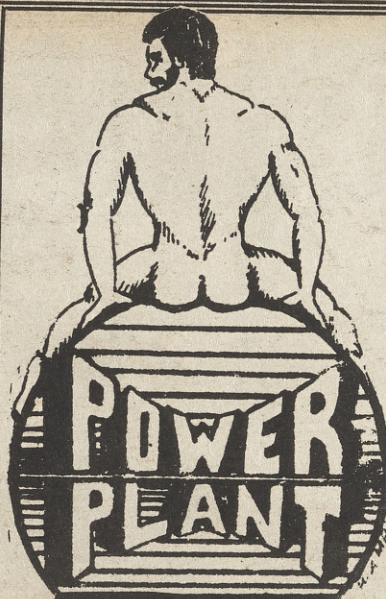
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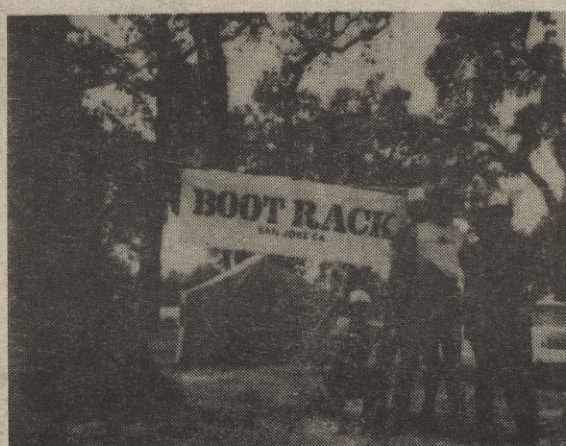
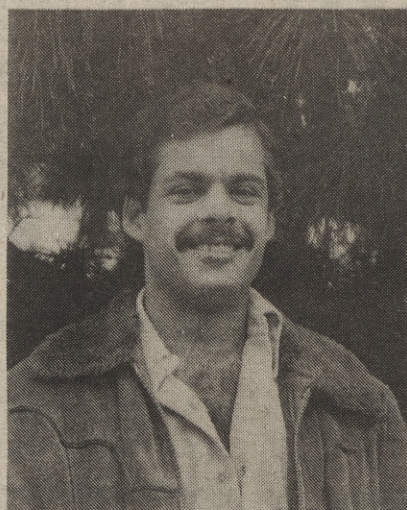
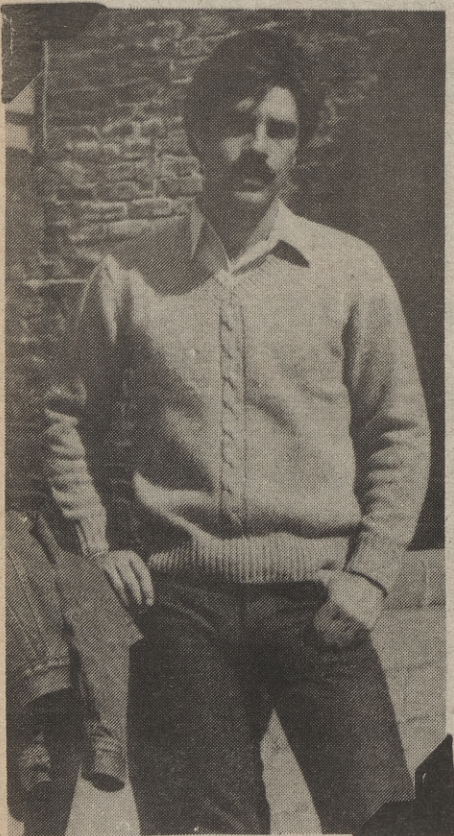
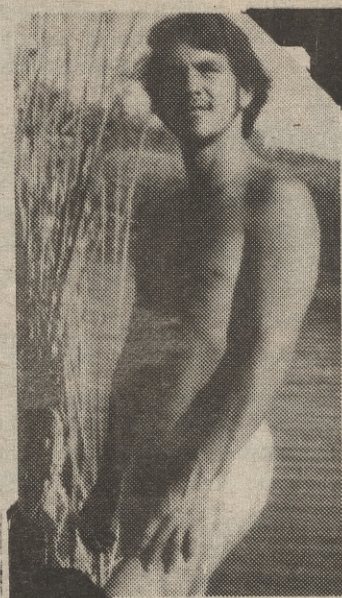
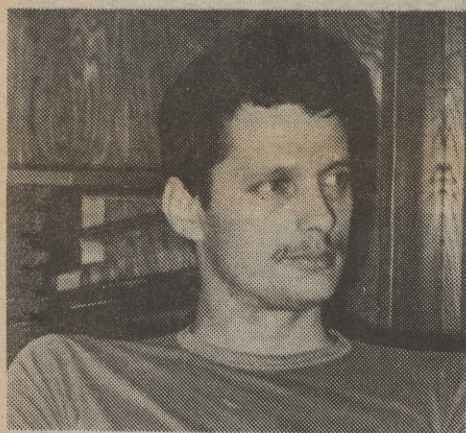
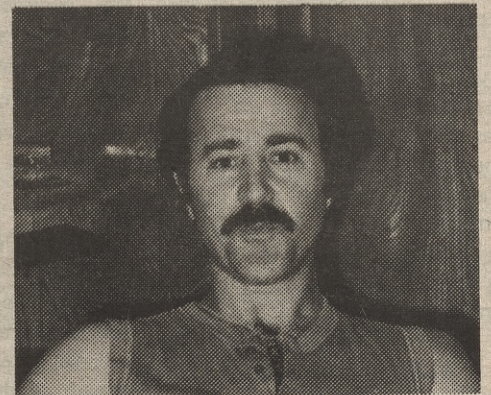
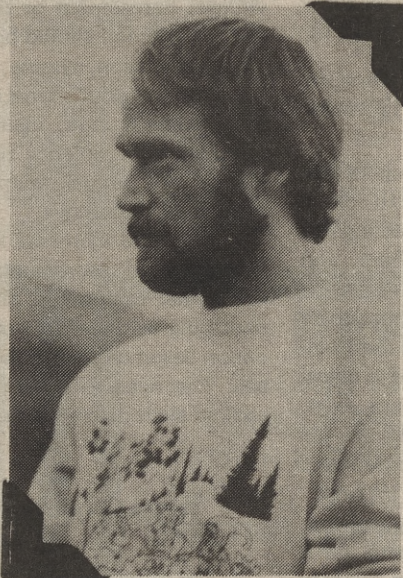
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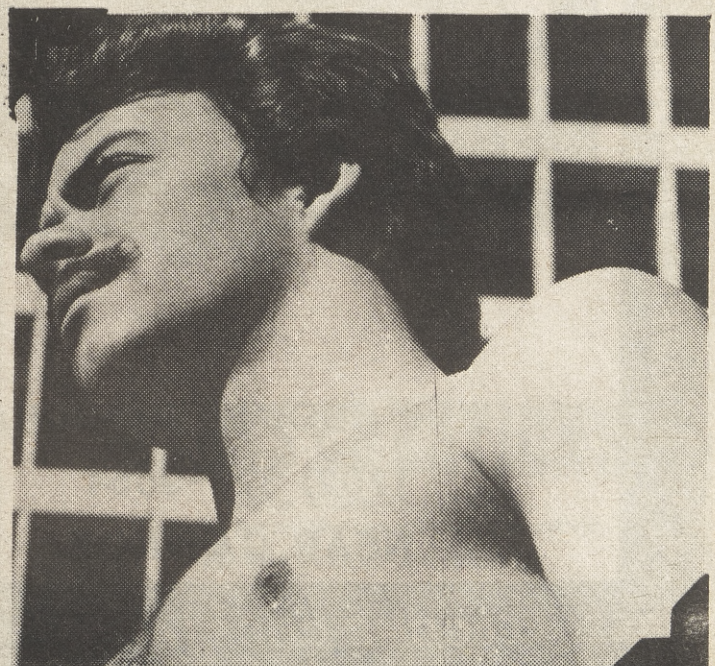
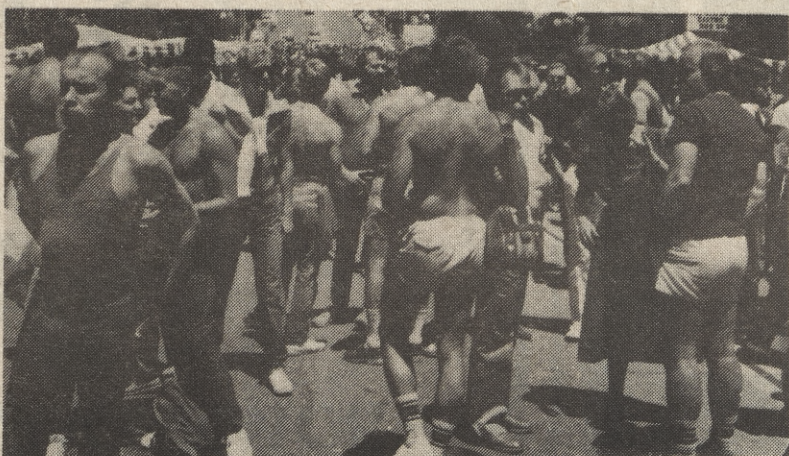
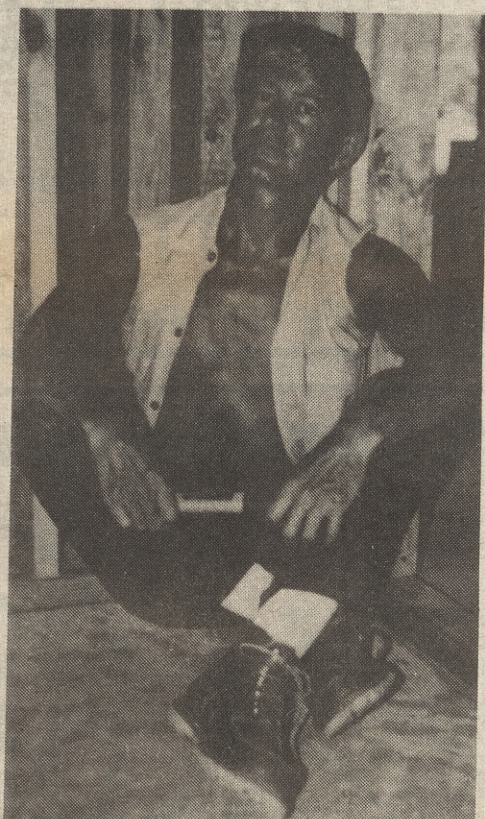
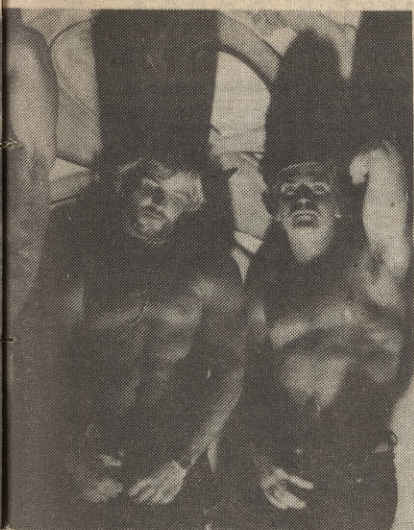
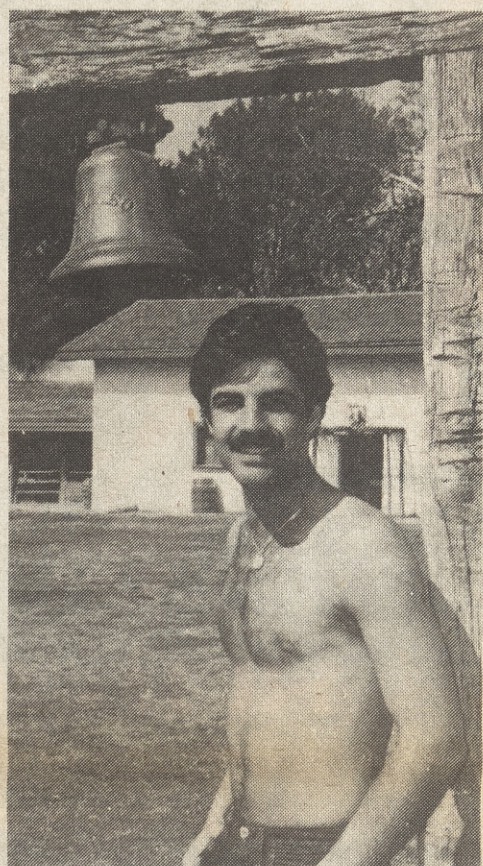
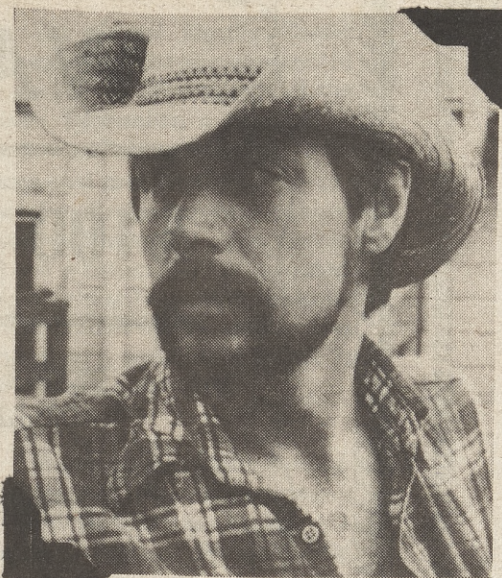


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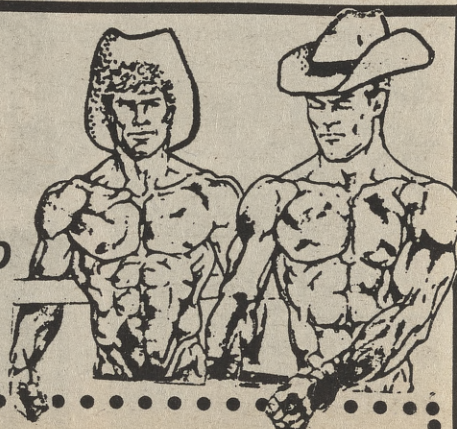
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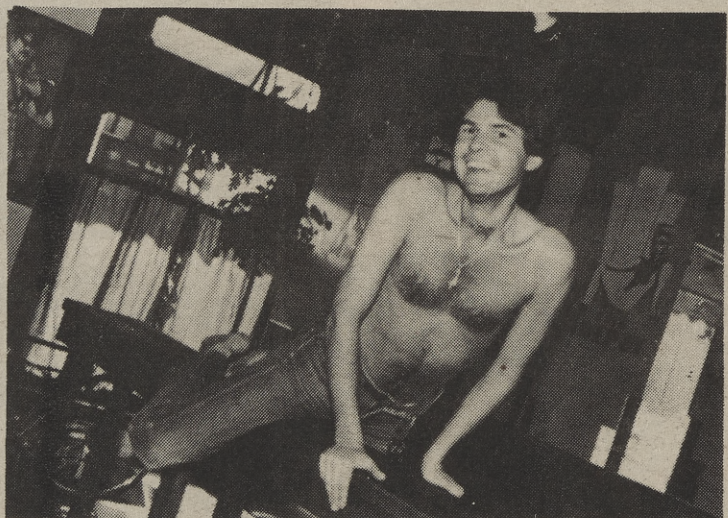
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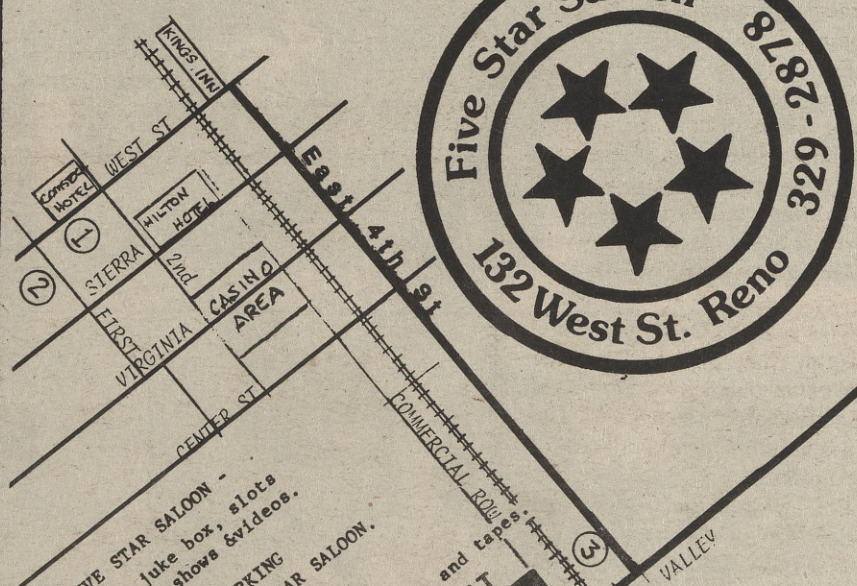
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The NATIONAL RENO GAY RODEO Country Fair is set for July 19-22, 1984 at the Nevada State Fairgrounds. The rodeo will feature dances and entertainment all four nights by country-western bands, a horse show, country fair arts and crafts, sales booths, and free games booths operated by charity organizations.

For more information, write PO Box 2372, Reno, NV 89505 or call (702) 677-0742.

OAK GLEN

The 7th California Men's Gathering will be held in Oak Glen, September 7-10, 1984.

This annual Gathering was started several years ago by men who were convinced that sexism (stereotypes of masculinity and femininity) was harmful to their lives, the lives of their friends and loved ones, and society as a whole. The Gathering was established to provide an opportunity to get together with men from other areas who also wanted to free themselves from the limitations of the gender roles. Each year participants from some particular area of California volunteer to organize and host the Gathering.

Everyone is welcome. The Gathering is an opportunity to explore issues of concern to men; and men and women of all ages who share these concerns are encouraged to attend and learn more about non-sexist living. Organizers want the Gathering to reflect the full diversity of society.

This year the Gathering will be at Pilgrim Pines, which is near the village of Oak Glen in the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains. The camp is less than two hours east of Los Angeles.

For information, write Los Angeles Men's Collective, Inc., 7th CALIFORNIA MEN'S GATHERING, PO Box 83442, Los Angeles, CA 90083-3442.

POMONA

The Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay/Lesbian Coalition, which is a legal, tax-exempt, non-profit organization, provides a variety of services. For example, the Coalition operates an information hotline, a speakers bureau, and support/rap groups for gay women and men.

Currently, the group is searching for a facility in which to open a community service center. Persons who want to help or obtain additional information should call Steve at (818) 332-5063 after 5:30 or (714) 620-6608 between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm.

LEHIGH VALLEY

A Gay and Lesbian Community Center is expected to open in the Lehigh Valley this fall.

Lambda Center has been promised \$2000 from the Allentown area Lutheran Parish's Urban Action Fund as soon as a rental space is found. But use of the money, which is provided in monthly installments, must begin within a year of the approval of the grant. The grant was approved last December.

The Center also has an additional \$2,100 raised from benefits and membership fees. Although the Center is not yet operating, individuals have been purchasing \$15-a-year memberships to help get it off the ground.

The membership entitles a person to vote in corporate matters. Lambda Center was incorporated under the name Lehigh Gay and Lesbian Community Center in December, 1983. But the name was later changed to Lambda to promote wider public acceptance.

The Center will house a gay-line, space for area gay/lesbian groups, a library, and a health facil-

HONOLULU

The Sexual Identity Center maintains a media-alert program to protect sexual minority rights in the media. Information is recorded to keep the Center informed about suspected problems so action can be taken. People are urged to report suspected programs so that a copy of the program can be requested. Such a request needs to be made for two reasons—so the station does not erase it and to permit its review by Center staff.

Based on the review, the Sexual Identity Center may request corrective actions to rectify the problem created by the aired program.

Persons who see or hear a program which promotes prejudice, hostility, or violence should contact the Center. The time, station, announcer or station staff responsible for the program, and description of the inappropriate material should be sent. The mailing address of the Sexual Identity Center is PO Box 3224, Honolulu, HA 96801 (808) 926-1000.

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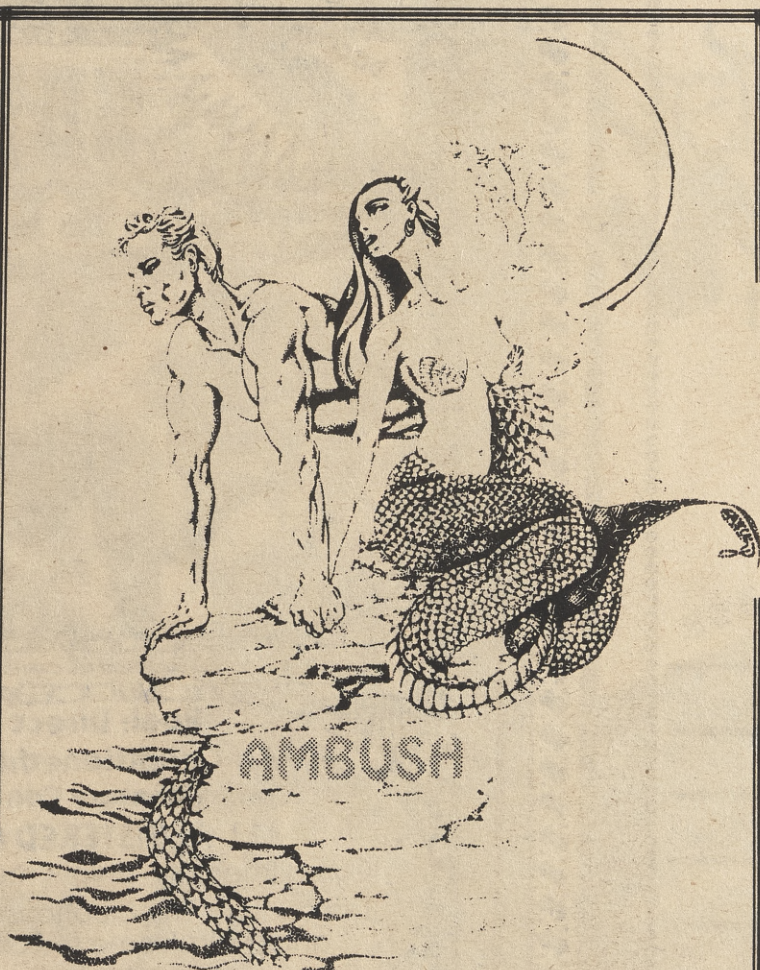
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CHICO

by Derek

HOT! HOT! HOT! is the first thing that comes to mind this month. But even with the heat during the day, the evenings here are full of fun and good social times.

On June 15, Ray & Joe (900 Cherry St.) hosted a Bikini Contest for both men and women. It was a very entertaining evening. First prize in the men's category went to Brian, and the first prize in the women's category went to the only woman entrant, who was radiant.

I heard through the grapevine that there will be a swimsuit night coming up in July. This will not be a contest—just a fun night when everyone can parade around in their swimsuits or facsimiles thereof, just for the fun of it. Do look for the 900 Cherry St. advertisement for the date and schedule of events.

On June 24, the Gay Community of Chico was represented by a marching contingent of gays and les-

bians in the Gay Freedom Parade 84 in San Francisco. I hope all my readers who were in the city at the time noticed our burgundy and white banner.

If you're going to be at the Gay Rodeo in Reno in July, watch for our 900 Cherry St. burgundy T Shirts! Hope to see you all there.

Until next month, enjoy the summer heat and try not to get sunburnt.

BATON ROUGE

The Baton Rouge Area Gay Political Action Caucus (BRAG-PAC) is alive and well. New chapter officers have recently been elected. BRAGPAC has several social events in the planning stages. For further information about these events and memberships, contact Ellie at (504) 291-2676, 7-10 pm.

COLUMBUS

With an audience divided equally between supporters and opponents, the Columbus City Council recently voted 5-2 to defeat an ordinance to ban employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Supporters of the ordinance who spoke before the Council included Methodist and Episcopal clergy, the Central Ohio ACLU, and Ohio NOW.

All opponents raised religious objections to the proposal. Some speakers claimed passage of the ordinance would cause an increase of disease, flight of businesses and families from the city, domination of the city by organized crime, and molestation of children. The opposition testimony included a threat of referendum; one speaker claimed that council members who voted for the ordinance would be committing political suicide.

HARRISBURG

The Central Pennsylvania Gay Task Force sponsored the first gay pride celebration ever held in Harrisburg, on June 2. In conjunction with the celebration, both the Mayor and the City Council issued proclamations declaring June "Gay Pride Month." In previous years, gay pride celebrations were tried, but did not materialize.

MODESTO

The Owl Empire of Stanislaus County(SOE), a non-profit service organization, has an *Original Modesto Campout* planned for July 20, 21, and 22. For information, write SOE, PO Box 6272, Modesto, CA 95355.

There have been several contributions of newspapers, glass, and aluminum cans to the SOE's ecology drive. Readers who want to donate to the drive can call and have their contributions picked up. Contact Jim and Bill at (209) 524-5327.

The Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA), a support group for gay people and their friends, is planning a dance in September. Volunteers are needed to with almost every aspect of the dance. To work on this event, call Jo at (209) 526-3019. For information about SGA, write PO Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352.

Woman's Compendium is a digest of issues and information of concern to women. It is published monthly to update women regarding the political process; to help women keep track of current and pending legislation affecting women; and to promote networking among women. The digest is available by subscription for \$8 through December 1984 (no August issue will be published). For information or to subscribe, write: Woman's Compendium, PO Box 1651, Modesto, CA 95353.

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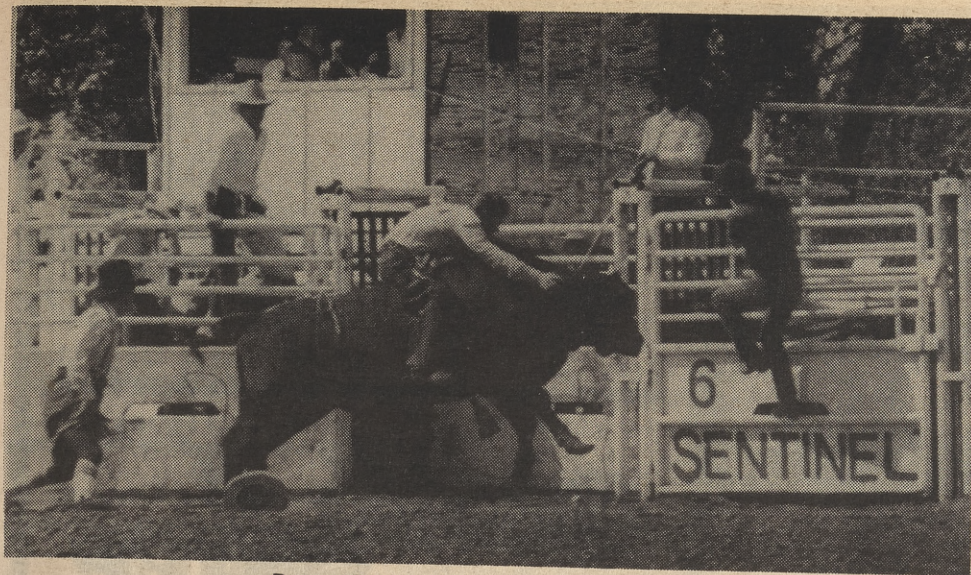


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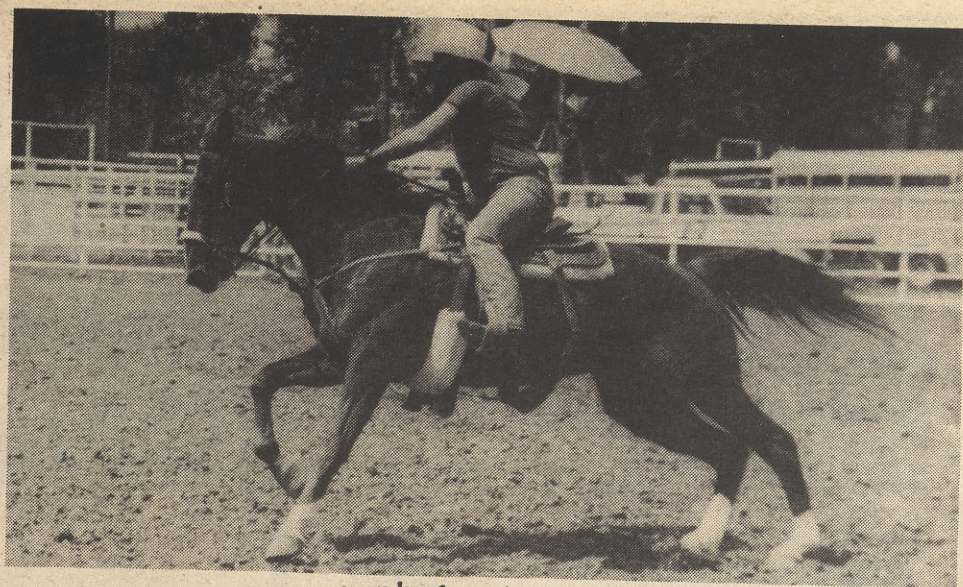
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The festival will include music and comedy stages, an open mike, speakers, workshops, crafts, and sports.

Prices will be \$80-100 sliding scale for a 4-day ticket or \$65-75 for a 3-day ticket. RV space is \$125, including one ticket.

Artists and speakers will include Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Alix Dobkin, Ginni Clemmons, Melissa, Something Special, the Alberta Jackson Band, Heather Bishop, Kate Clinton, Flo Kennedy, Kate Millett, Gloria Allred, and others.

PHOENIX

At a recent meeting of the Arizona Gay Barowners Association (AGBA), plans were made for the Second Annual OCTOBERFEST. The event is sponsored by AGBA member bars for the Arizona gay community. Last year's OCTOBERFEST was the biggest party ever held in Arizona with over 2000 in attendance. All proceeds are contributed to worthy gay organizations. This year's fest will be bigger

and better!

The Our Gang Summer Bowling League started in June with most AGBA member bars sponsoring the 24 teams. The league bowls every Monday evening at Squaw Peak Lanes at 6:15 PM. Each week there is a host bar after bowling with a free buffet. The first host bar was Cattleman's Exchange Club with an excellent turnout by all the bowlers and bowling enthusiasts.

All those representing Arizona at the Colorado Gay Rodeo of

Rodeos in Denver had a time they'll never forget. The Rodeo was really great, and the hospitality extended to all by the Denver people, Tavern Guild, and Charlie's was unbelievable, but typical of this Rocky Mountain area.

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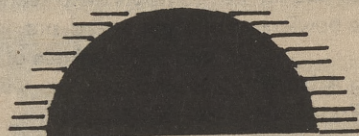
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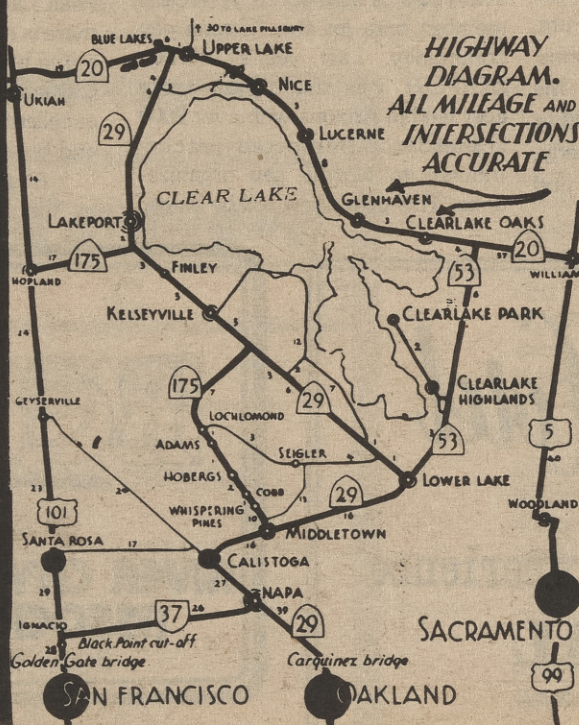
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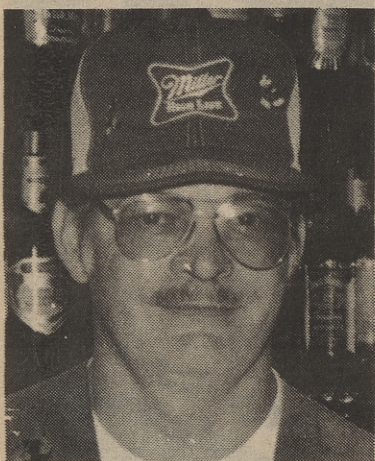
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By Bill Mooney

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the Cabaret...June was the best party month yet; Gene's Saloon had their White Ball, and the winner was Raymond (CHACH) in his wedding gown, and the runner-up was the one and only Baker John...The restaurant at the Sunset Point is open. Jerry Lattarulo has taken over the kitchen and will be serving Sunday Brunch from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm Sat. & Sun. BBQ on the deck from 3:00 pm with the choice of ribs, chicken (fowl, that is), and NY steaks, with all the trimmings. Jerry says that dinners will be coming soon...July 4 is always hot and heavy here at the Lake. Both bars are going to be jumping with hot

men ready to pop the works. Bring your boat and enjoy the evening on the lake...July 11 at the Cabaret there will be a benefit buffet starting at 7:00 pm. Chuck and Scotty will provide the food—\$2 per person. A percentage of the bar will be given to Ron & Ken, so let's all get out and give a helping hand since it's for a good cause...It seems like the Cabaret is always doing different things and they are all fun. Tues. and Wed. nights are going to be Chip Nights—match the numbers on the wheel with your chips and be a winner; more details at the bar. The Joan Collins Award is going to be a vote award; with each drink that you buy, you are entitled to vote. I know that everyone who watches TV knows just how to place their vote. The voting starts in July and the Award will be given on the August 7 for the Greek Night...Sunset Point has been busy getting things ready for you to enjoy the beach area next to the bar. El Mar Place has units, and room for tents for those who like to sleep out under the stars...Glenhaven Inn has the boat slips ready and a nice sun area...The Shamrock Resort has added more space for you to lie out in and get the rays; the floats are in place for a short swim to them, so you can lie out in the water and cool off on the swim back to your cabin. Some of the best in male films are also available in your cabins—for an extra fee

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CLEARLAKE



Raymond

BALTIMORE

The Gay Parents group is now active again in Columbus. The group was formed so participants could discuss common problems and share each other's joys associated with being a gay parent.

The group will put gay parents in touch with a network of gay people with children. Together, members may wish to plan outings for their children, such as a group parent/child trip to King's Dominion or Busch Gardens.

Meetings are held at the Gay Community Center of Baltimore. Future meetings will be held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. For information, contact the switchboard at (301) 837-8888 or call (301) 997-9063 and ask for Lee or Jeff.

LANSING

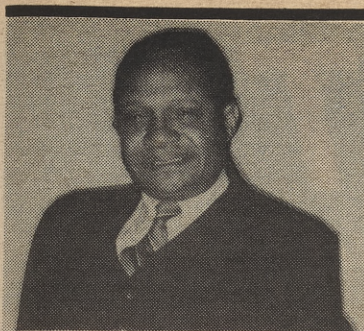
Gay people are invited to join the volleyball players every Sunday at noon and every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in East Lansing's Valley Court Park for a few hours of fun. Skill with the volleyball is not required. For information, write Lansing Association for Human Rights, 855 Grove Street, Room 208, East Lansing, MI 48823 or call (517) 337-7825.

MT. PLEASANT

The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival is being planned for mid-August. This year's theme is "We Want The Music."

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For information, write Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, 1501 Lyons, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.



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Congrats are in order to everyone who was involved in Sacramento's first Lesbian & Gay Freedom Fair. It was a success. However, I hope that next year we will have more participants. It is always amazing to me that no matter how much one advertises in this town (and the Freedom Fair certainly was advertised), most people still don't know what's going on. For instance, I've talked to several people about the fair, whose response was, "What fair? I didn't hear anything about it." Well, the reason you guys didn't hear is that you don't take time to either pick up copies of the local gay newspapers or to read the various fliers & posters around town in the various watering holes. Take time to read them. There is a lot going on in this community besides drinking and fornicating—not that I'm in the least against either of those excellent, time-tested pastimes. A lot of work & people are involved in making sure that you are informed. Do them & yourself the courtesy of informing yourself. OK, nuff said on that subject...On a joyful note: I recently went down to SF to attend our own BETTINA's grand opening of a new musical, "Tristan" now playing at the Gill Theater at the University of SF campus.

pus theater. Tristan is medieval rock fantasy, directed & produced by Jack Essex. What Jack has done is put together a clever idea. I don't know if you are familiar with the well-known Tristan & Iseult plot or not, but it has touches of Romeo & Juliet, Cinderella, with touches of corn thrown in, and in some places there are some light-hearted drama set to rock 'n' roll songs that fit the mood. For instance, when Tristan & Iseult drink the mysterious liquid, we get a song titled "Love Potion No. 9" and then when Tristan realizes that his love is gone and he is all alone he sings "Heartbreak Chateau." The show is entertaining, a little loose. Our BETTINA is very good, so get down there and see her...Also while down there, I saw "Last Year At Blue Fish Cover." Friends, this is theater at its very best. At first I was a little reticent about attending a lesbian play. It turns out that it is not about just lesbians; it's about loving, living, & caring. The cast could have been all male. The play is a must for all of us to see...Coming up in Sacto Aug. 6 from 6:30 to 9 at Brunswick South Land Park Bowl is a Celebrity Bowlers Tournament. This is going to be a big event. Some very well-known people will be attending...S-candals/Bojangles are serving Sun. brunches every Sun. starting at 11 AM. The cooks are Bob Farrell & Co. from the late Broadway Ltd...Speaking of the Broadway Ltd., we would like to thank the bartenders, management & owners for the wonderful fifteen years that you served us. You sure are going to be missed...Stop by and check out the Mercantile's new patio. You will like it. It's a nice added attraction...The K Street is giving away money on Monday nites; check it out for details...Wreck Room, your last Red Party was a hoot...Check with the Forum for their July schedule—

there is something big coming up I hear. The Forum, by the way, has discontinued their Sunday buffet; they plan to resume it in the fall. However, they are still serving those two-for-one cocktails...Congrats to The Wreck Room Softball Allstars for bringing home the Third Place trophy from Seattle's Cascade Tournament. You're looking good, guys...By the way, The Sacramento Rape Crisis Center is giving a training session for women interested in volunteering to work on the rape crisis line. The 4-week training, which starts on July 16, will be held during the evenings. If you're interested in this most worthwhile endeavor, contact Shaila Rao at (916) 447-3223 by July 10...Flash! The 1984 California NOW State Conference will be held in Sacramento at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn at 300 J Street on July 6-8. The theme will be: *The Feminization of Politics 1984*. Call (916) 451-3398 for information...As the first fiscal year ends for SAGA II (Sacramento Athletic Games Association), we members would like to thank our supporters and welcome any newcomers. SAGA II was formed to recruit Sacramento's best athletes for the 1986 Gay Games in San Francisco and to raise funds to purchase uniforms, pay entry fees, and provide lodging for the Sacramento contingent to these games. SAGA II is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation, and it has a Board of Directors composed of Norm Frohwein (Chairman), Kathy Martinez, Ernie Brown, Linda Garcia, Mark Harrison, and Patrick Gaffney. SAGA II has several sports coordinators whose function is to recruit, train, and select athletes to represent Sacramento in the Gay Games. Any information—including a copy of the 1983-1984 financial statement—may be obtained through SAGA at (916) 443-6440.

ALBUQUERQUE

The New Mexico Lesbian/Gay Political Alliance (NML/GPA) has drafted a Resolution to Amend the Albuquerque Human Rights Ordinance to include lesbians and gay men, and has been meeting with city officials to seek their support for its passage. The resolution would amend the city's Human Rights Ordinance by inserting the phrase "affectional or sexual preference."

NML/GPA members met with Mayor Harry Kinney recently regarding the proposed amendment. In a letter, Mayor Kinney expressed his strong support for the efforts "to promote legislation protecting individual human rights." He also said, "I am personally dedicated to support of the civil rights for all Americans."

The NML/GPA resolution points out that an estimated 45,000

Albuquerque-area residents are potential victims of discrimination on the basis of sexual or affectional preference.

TEMPE

The Arizona Lesbian/Gay Task Force (ALGTF) recently announced the presentation of a southwest conference in conjunction with the appearance of Virginia Apuzzo, Director of the National Gay Task Force. Arizona will host conferees from states such as Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico. The meeting will also be the launching point for the Political Impact Campaign and is planned for September 28-30, 1984.

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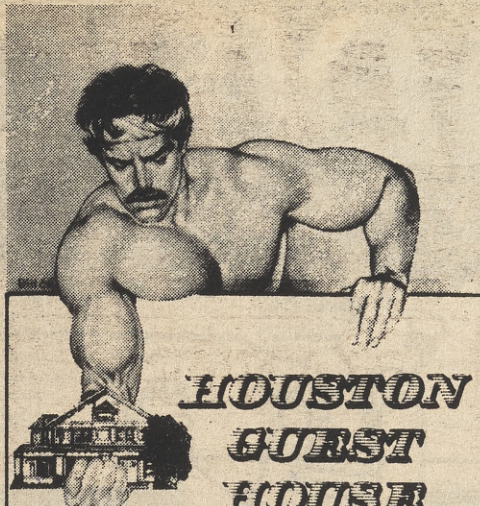
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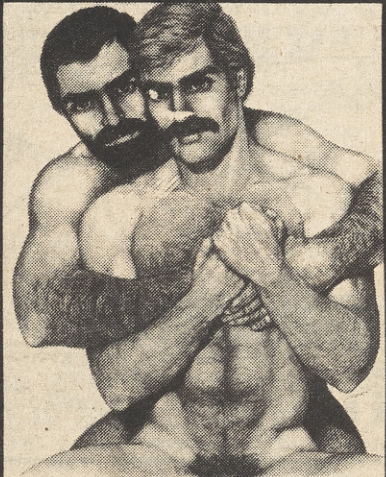
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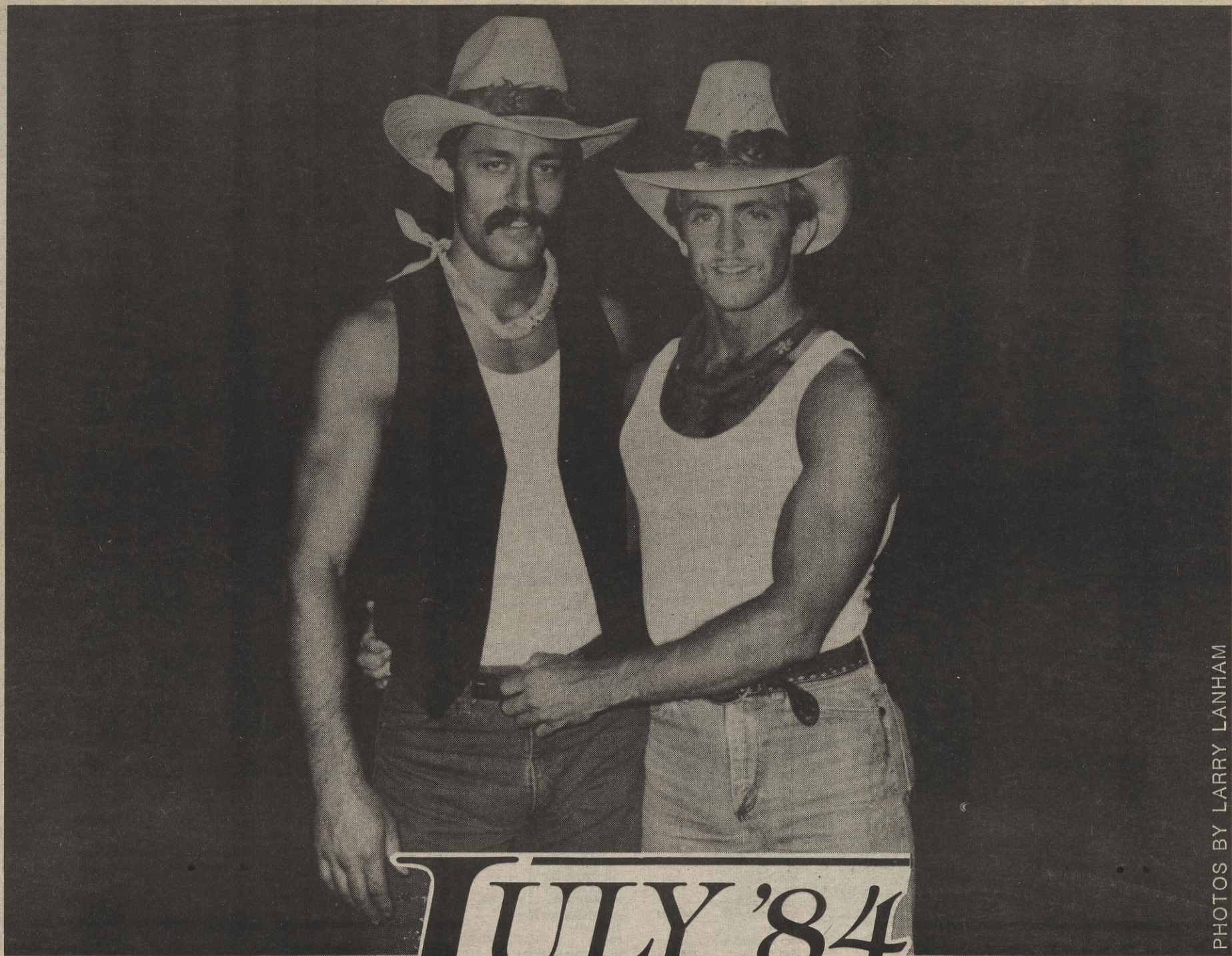
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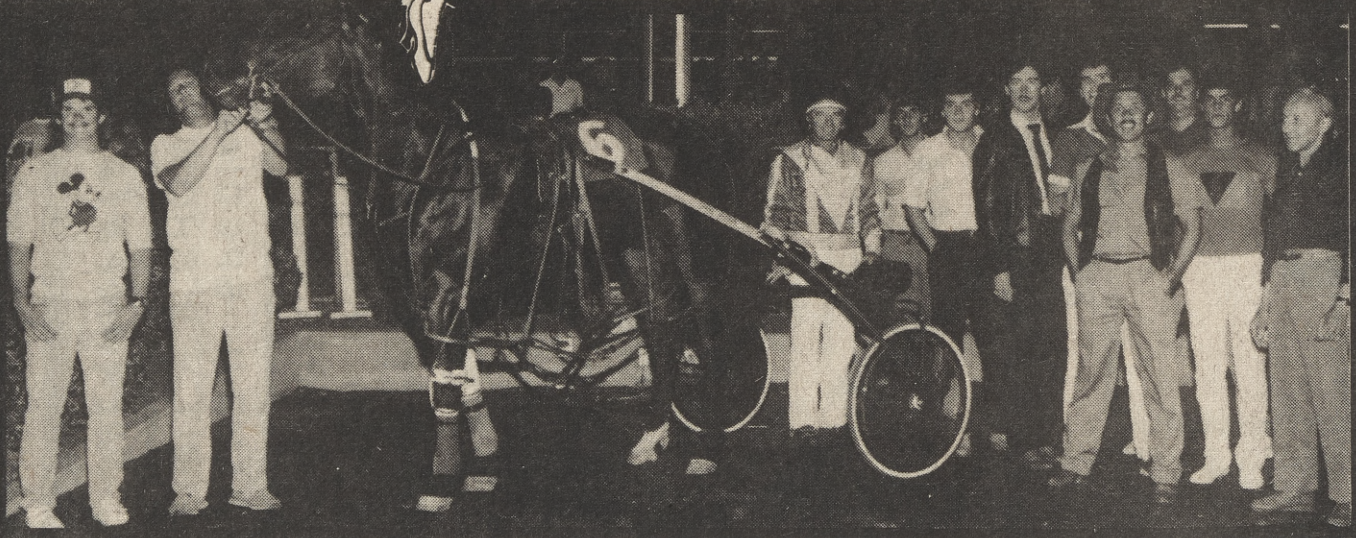
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